

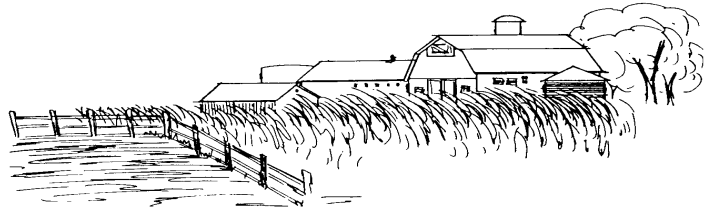
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2004 Final Crop Production Estimates

Utah 2004 all wheat production at 5.9 million bushels was up 3 percent from 2003, according to the Utah Agricultural Statistics Service. Average yield of 44.4 bushels per acre was 3 bushels above 2003. Acres harvested was 132,000, down 5,000 acres from 2003. **Winter wheat** production at 5.2 million bushels was up slightly from the 2003 level. Winter wheat yield at 43 bushels per acre was 2 bushels above 2003. Harvested acreage of 120,000 acres was down 4 percent from 2003. **Other spring wheat** production at 696,000 bushels was 26 percent above 2003. Yield of 58 bushels per acre was 12 bushels above 2003. Harvested acreage of 12,000 acres was the same as 2003. **Barley** production at 3.4 million bushels was 23 percent above 2003. Yield of 86.0 bushels per acre was 6 bushels above a year earlier. Harvested acres at 40,000 was 14 percent above 2003. **Oat** production at 624,000 bushels was 27 percent above 2003. Oat yield was 78 bushels per acre, down 4 bushels from a year earlier. Harvested acreage for grain was 8,000 acres, up 2,000 acres from 2003. **Corn for grain** production at 1.9 million bushels was down 8 percent from the 2003 level. Corn for grain yield at 155 bushels remained the same as 2003. Harvested acreage for grain was 12,000 acres, down 1,000 acres from 2003. **Corn silage** production at 924,000 tons was up 7 percent from 2003. Yield of 22.0 tons per acre was up 1 ton from 2003. Harvested acreage of 42,000 was up 2 percent from 2003. **Alfalfa hay** production at 2.1 million tons was down 2 percent from the 2003 level. The yield of 3.80 tons per acre was down 5 percent from 2003. Harvested acres at 560,000 acres was up 3 percent from 2003. **Other hay** production at 341,000 tons was up 10 percent from 2003. Yield at 2.2 tons was up 10 percent from a year earlier. Harvested acreage of 155,000 acres remained the same as 2003. **Dry edible bean** production at 14,000 cwt was 2,000 cwt below 2003. Growers harvested 4,800 acres down 400 acres from 2003. Yields averaged 300 pounds per acre, down 3 percent from a year earlier.

Nationally crop production for 2004 and change from 2003 are as follows: **corn for grain** 11.8 billion bushels, up 17 percent from the 10.1 billion bushels produced in 2003; **corn silage** 107 million tons, down slightly from 2003 level; **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures hay** 75.4 million tons, 1 percent below 2003; **all other hay** 82.4 million tons, up 1 percent from 2003; **dry edible beans** 17.8 million cwt, down 21 percent from last year; **fall potatoes** 410 million cwt, unchanged from last year; **all wheat** 2.16 billion bushels, down 8 percent from 2003; **barley** 279 million bushels, up slightly from last year; **oats** 116 million bushels, down 20 percent from last year.